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1. Six thousand metric tons of heating oil are to be imported into East Germany from Hungary during the autumn of 1953. The oil has a freezing point (Stockpunkt) of minus five degrees Centigrade. It is believed that the oil will be delivered by DIA-Chemie directly from the border point of Bad Schandau to the installations which need it, primarily factories and hospitals. It will be transported in three trains of about 60 cars each. One train had already been dispatched to Hungary as of 21 October 1953. 1/
2. About 500 metric tons of transformer oil are imported into East Germany each quarter from the Soviet Union. Most of the oil is sent directly to the Transformatorenwerk Karl Liebknecht, Berlin-Oberschoeneweide, and to the Roentgen und Transformatorenwerk, Dresden; it is not stockpiled by any East German agency.
3. It is believed that about 100 tons of turbine oil are imported by East Germany from the Soviet Union each year. The oil is sent to Kraftwerk Klingenberg, the plant which generates East Berlin's power.
4. In addition to Austrian shipments of oil to East Germany for further processing, defined amounts of toluol and mineral-coal and tar hard pitch are delivered to East Germany. The pitch comes from Czechoslovakia in open freight cars.
5. Finally, quantities of benzene (Benzol) are delivered from the USSR for Bunawerk, Schkopau. They are unloaded and stored either at Frankfurt/Oder or Magdeburg.

1/ Comment: The oil is necessary to cover East German heating requirements during the winter of 1953.

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